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Dear MALPF District Landowner:

Enclosed is one copy of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easement application for the upcoming 2019 round. Whether or not you have previously applied please complete the enclosed application form if you wish to be included in this round. You can make copies for multiple applications. The form can also be completed online. Call or email if you would like to complete an electronic form.

If you are applying for the first-time please contact me as soon as possible in order to process your submission in a timely manner. We can provide maps and some of the details from our records. Soil Conservation will soils data and confirm that your farms conservation plan is up to date,.

You will need one form for each property to be considered this coming year. Feel free to either copy the form or contact me for additional copies. When completing your application, leave blank anything you are unsure about. We have records of your property data, deed references and land use on file. I will contact you after applications are returned if there is anything you need to add. Some information is already completed because it is the same for all applicants.

Completed applications are due to this office by May 11, 2108.

Once again easement acquisitions funds are limited though the MALPF program has been fully funded by the State. MALPF will combine fiscal 2018 and 2019 funds making it possible to make several offers in mid 2019. The number of applications is limited in order to control the MALPF appraisal budget. Only the eight top ranking properties will be forwarded for potential offers. According to State legislation MALPF will not offer more than 75% of appraised fair market value or less than 25% of FMV.

Whether or not you plan to apply for 2019 this office is always ready discuss MALPF or other land preservation options. Please call or stop by if you have any questions about this year's application or other program questions. Call 410-770-8032, or email msokolich@talbgov.org.

As always, thank you for all you do to help preserve farming and agricultural land in Talbot County.

Sincerely,

Martin Sokolich,
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